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In re Application of Lydecker, et al.

Application No. 08/850,996 : DECISION ON

Filed: May 5, 1997 : PETITION

Attorney Docket No. 3464/3

This is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 30, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181". Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice to Corrected Application Papers mailed June 27, 2007. This Notice set a non-extendable period for reply of thirty (30) days for applicant to submit a declaration bearing the signature of inventor Thagard. No declaration having been received, the application became abandoned on July 27, 2007. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on August 15, 2007.

Petitioner states that he timely filed a declaration. In support thereof, petitioner has included a copy of a USPTO date stamped postcard receipt, identifying this application, itemizing a declaration, and bearing a USPTO date stamp dated July 12, 2007.

A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the Office of all items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the Office. <u>See MPEP 503</u>.

Accordingly, it is concluded that petitioner has established that a declaration was filed in this application on July 12, 2007. However, petitioner has not supplied the Office with a copy of the declaration. Accordingly, petitioner is requested to supply such on renewed petition.

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